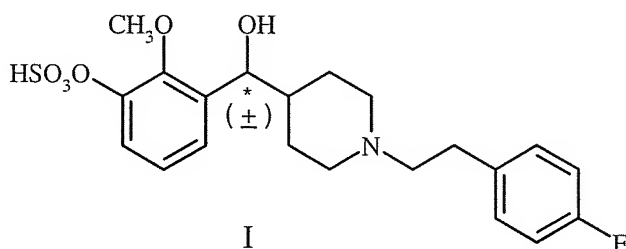


**Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The claims set forth below with amendments as indicated will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

1. - 4. (Canceled)
5. (New) A method of isolating a compound of formula I or an enantiomer thereof comprising the steps of:



- a) administering a therapeutically effective amount of (+)- $\alpha$ -(2,3-dimethoxyphenyl)-1-[2-(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl]-4-piperidinemethanol to a patient;
  - b) collecting a plasma or an urine sample from said patient;
  - b) preparing said sample for isolation of the compound of Formula I or an enantiomer thereof by subjecting said sample to a chromatography; and
  - c) isolating the fraction containing said compound of Formula I or an enantiomer thereof from said chromatography.
6. (New) The method according to claim 5 wherein said sample is a plasma sample.

7. (New) The method according to claim 5 wherein said sample is an urine sample.
8. (New) The method according to claim 5 wherein said chromatography is high performance liquid chromatography.